

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner identified three inventions said to be distinct and separate. The Examiner has restricted examination of claims 1-35 in this application. Specifically, the Examiner restricted claims 1-12 and 30-33 to Group I as being drawn to the compliant support for a MEMS, claims 13-23 and 35 to Group II as being drawn to a CMUT array, and claims 24-29 and 34 to Group III as being drawn to a method of making a CMUT.

By the present Response, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1-12 and 30-33 of Group I. Therefore, Applicants have canceled claims 13-29 and 31-34 without prejudice for possible inclusion in a divisional application. Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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